(ii) Equalisation-cum-storage facility for ammoniacal effluents;

(iii) Arsenic treatment system;

(iv) Gravity filters cum coke traps for separating oil from oily condensates;

(v) Chromium treatment system;

(vi) Delay /guard Pond;

(vii) Ion-exchange effluent treatment plant *to* treat ammoniacal nitrogen bearing wastes;

(viii) Erection of a stack of 50 meters height for sulphuric and plant.

(b) Stretches of the Desang river are polluted due to discharge of domestic and industrial wastes, particularly downstream of Namrup, from the effluents of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation and from oil drilling operations.

(c) The Assam State Pollution Control Board has directed the unit to implement the following pollution control measures within a time-frame:

(i) Segregation of liquid ammonia bearing effluents and recycle it back in the process.

(ii) Installation of treatment plant to treat chromium bearing effluents.

(iii) Installation of arsenic precipitation scheme to treat arsenic bearing effluents and to change over to another system where arsenic is not used.

(iv) To install a captive power plant and to increase effluent holding capacity.

(v) To convert the existing manufacturing process of sulphuric acid into DCDA process.

(vi) To install gravity separators,

(vii) Installation of ammonia stripping column.

(viii) Installation of Urea hydrolyzer.

(ix) To construct and commission a sewage treatment plant. The Central Government has also initiated action to ensure that all fortilizer plants comply with the prescribed standards by De cember, 1991.

Upgradation of Sonari Telephone Exchange Assam

682. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN; Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the present capacity of the Sonari Telephone Exchange is very low and it remains always dead; and

(b) whether Government are contemplating to upgrade this Telephone Exchange in his sensitive border town of Assam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI IAI PRAKASH); (a) Presently Sonari is being Served by a 100 lines MAX-III exchange parented to Sibsagar trunk exchange and total demand of Sonari exchange is 103. Telephone exchange is working satisfactorily except when there are problems of power supply.

(b) Department has plans to instal an electronic exchange with a capacity of 384 lines of C-DOT design.

Extending S. T. D. facilities to Assam

683. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of district and subdivisional Headquarters of Assam having S. T. D. facilities at present;

(b) whether there is any new proposal with Government to extend S. T. D. facilities to more areas in Assam; and

(c) if so, the names of these areas and the time by when the facility is likely to be made available there?